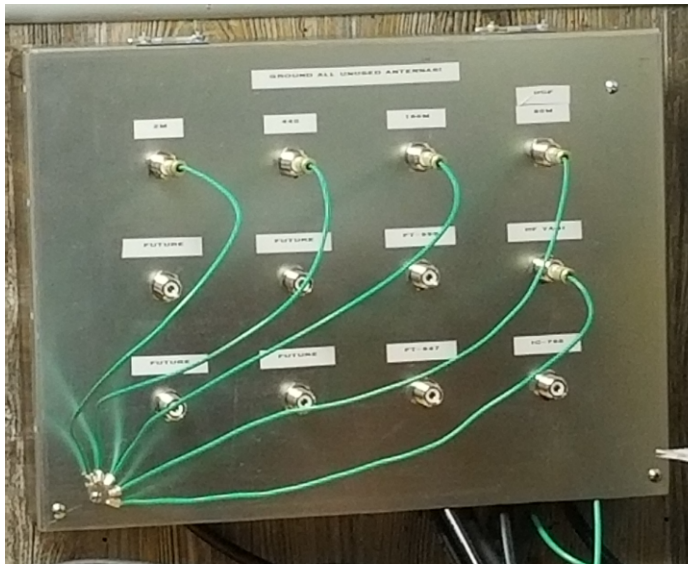


NEW ANTENNA HOOKUP PANEL

A new antenna hookup panel has been installed in the clubhouse. This replaces the old switchbox system. A picture of the system is supplied below. The box was built by our clubhouse chair, Al Mitzo, and is simpler and easier to use than the switchbox system. There are also a number of expansion slots now available for new antennas and radios.

Also, a training program is being devised to instruct members on the use of the radios and antenna system.



BUILD PROJECT PROGRESS

The antenna analyser kits are in and members have started assembling them. There were issues with some of the microcontrollers, but that appears to be because they were damaged during soldering. You will have to be careful when soldering on their headers. Replacements have been ordered for those broken modules.

Some of the kits are already assembled and seem to work. Ken Pokigo, KC2ACK, has made some software modifications and is now working on making the device's scanning functionality available with a button press without needing to hook up a computer.

2018 GOALS

Participate in Field Day.	<input type="radio"/>
Participate in NYSQSO Party.	<input type="radio"/>
Attend mini-maker faire.	<input type="radio"/>
Set up a digital station.	<input type="radio"/>
Conduct fundraising events.	<input type="radio"/>
Conduct a club build project.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Present 4 monthly programs.	<input type="radio"/>
Conduct training on club equipment.	<input type="radio"/>
Conduct general and extra classes.	<input type="radio"/>
Install satellite antennas.	<input type="radio"/>
Reinstall Colden repeaters.	<input type="radio"/>

VE SESSION RESULTS

The callsigns for the two candidates that passed last month have now come in.

Name	Call	Class
Richard Burns	KD2PBL	Tech
Brian Hembrook	KD2PBM	Tech

CLUB OFFICERS

President	Ken Pokigo, KC2AYK
Vice President	Allen Mitzo, WA2TTT
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Webmaster	Don Niles, K2PMC



CLUB NETS

STARS holds two nets every week -- one on 2 meters and one on 75 meters. All are welcome to participate.

Tuesdays	7:30 PM	147.09 MHz (Repeater)
Saturdays	10:00 AM	3.925 MHz ± QRM

STARS MEETINGS

STARS meetings are usually at 7:00 PM on the first Thursday of each month, at the Hamburg Memorial Youth Center, 200 Prospect Avenue in Hamburg.

During July and August the youth center is closed and meetings are held at the Nike Base Clubhouse at 2982 Lakeview Road in Hamburg.

This month's meeting will be on March 1st, at 7:00 PM, at the Hamburg Memorial Youth Center. All those interested in amateur radio are welcome.

The STARS board usually meets at 7:00 PM on the fourth Thursday of each month, at the Nike Base Clubhouse.

The next board meeting will be on March 22nd at 7:00 PM. All members are welcome.

STARS LICENSING EXAMS

STARS offers licensing exams at 9:00 AM on the third Saturday of each odd-numbered month. The exams are conducted at the Hamburg Memorial Youth Center at 200 Prospect Avenue in Hamburg. Walk-ins are allowed.

Candidates must bring the following items to the exam:

- Legal photo ID (a driver's license is excellent).
- Your SSN or FRN. FRNs can be obtained on [the FCC website](#).
- Current license and/or CSCE, if any, with a non-returnable photocopy of each.
- \$15 in cash.
- Two #2 pencils with erasers, and a pen.

Calculators are permitted, so long as any programming has been cleared.

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